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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Public (Elections) (1953) Department.

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No. 3031/S2-8

Dated 27th February 1953.

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FOR MYSORE STATE

No. 630/52-1
Government of Madras
Public(Elections-VI)Department,
Fort St.George, dated 7/7/52

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

Sub: Elections - New Constitution - First General Elections, 1951-52 House of the People and the State Assembly - Bellary Parliamentary constituency and component Assembly constituencies - Irregularities committed in the conduct of poll Explanations of persons concerned called for.

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A statement showing the irregularities committed in the conduct of poll in Bellary Parliamentary constituency and its component Assembly constituencies that were reported to Government is enclosed. The attention of the Collector of Not pub'd is invited to Government Memo No.723/52-1, Public(Elections)dated 15th February 1952 and he is requested to obtain the explanations of all the persons responsible for the irregularities concerned and

and submit the same together with his remarks at an early date for the orders of Government.

To the Collector of Bellary
(with enclosure)
(Copy of Statement at (E)

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ELECTION IMMEDIATE

Rc. No. 4615/52 B.7

Collector's office, Bellary, dated 14.7.52.

From

Sri.D.R. Sundaram I.A.S.,
Collector, Bellary.

To

The Additional Secretary to Government, Public (Elec) Dept., Madras.

Sir,

Sub:- ELECTIONS - New Constitution Election 1951-52 - M.L.A. and H.O.P irregularities committed by P.O.S and D.P.Os explanation of persons concerned in this report submitted.

Ref:- Govt. Memo 630/52-1 Public (Ele) dated 7.7.52.

One Sri. M.C. Rangaswamy Taluk Surveyor, who was appointed as A.P.O. at P.S.No. 4, Booth 2, has not sent his explanation in regard to the irregularity committed by him in issuing Assembly Ballot papers for parliamentary constituency nor has he acknowledged the receipt of the memo sent from this office. The Tahsildar, Hospet has been reminded in the matter.

I shall submit a report with my remarks on the explanation received from the P.Os and A.P.Os before the end of this month.

A.K. 15/7.

For Collector

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Pmb (Electronics) Dept

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Submitted for Perusal (Next RD 10.8.52)

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Memo. No. 3031/52-1 dated 12-8-52

Sub: (As in Memo under ref)

Ref: 1) Govt. Memo. No. 630/52-1 Public (Elections) d. 7/7/52

2) From the Collector of Bellary letter No 4615/52 B-7 d. 14/7/52

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The attention of the Collector of Bellary is invited to the references cited and he is requested to expedite the report.

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To
The Collector of Bellary.

Public (Elections) Deptt. 7

Memo. No. 3031/52-D dated the 17/9/1952.

Sub: (As in Memo. on p1 cf)

Ref: Govt. Memo. No. 630/52.1 Public (Elections) d 7/7/52 and the reminder d 12/8/52

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The attention of the Collector of Bellary is invited to the Govt Memo cited and the reminder thereon and he is requested to send his report without delay.

17.9.52

To
The Collector of Bellary.

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Memo. no. 3631/52-3 dated 21.X.52

Sub: (Asmi Memo on p/cf)

Ref: ~~Memo. no 630/52-1 Public (Elections) dated 7/7/52 and the reminders dt 12.8.52 and 17/9/52~~ from the Coll. of Bellary Lr. no. Re. 4615/52 BY dt 14.7.52

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The attention of the Collector of Bellary is invited to the letter cited and the reminders dt 12.8.52 & 17.9.52 and he is requested to send the expedite his report without further delay.

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To
The Collector of
Bellary.

Public (Elections) Dept.

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Memo. No. 3031/52-4 dated 25.11.52

Sub: (As in Memo on p1 of)

Ref: From the Collector of Bellary letter no. Ac. 4615/52 B7 d 14.7.52

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The attention of the Collector of Bellary is invited to the letter cited and the reminders d 12.8.52, 17.9.52 & 21.10.52 and he is requested to send his report urgently.

To

The Collector of Bellary.

Elections/immediate:
C.No. 4415/52. A.8.

Collector's Office, Bellar
Dated. 22...11...1952.

From:
Sri.D.R.Sundaram, I.A.S.,
Collector, Bellary:

To
The Deputy Secretary to Govt,
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub:-- Elections-New Constitution - First General Elections 1951-52 House of the People and state Assembly- Bellary parliamentary constitutnecy irr gularities committed in the conduct of poll explanations of presiding officers and Assist Presiding Officers-submitted -

Ref:-- 1- Govt. Memo No.630/52-1 Public (Elections) Dept. dated 7.7.52.
2. Govt. Memo No.3158/52-1 dated 12.8.52.

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Pursuant to the instruction contained in Govt memoranda cited above, the explanations of the presiding officers and the Assistant Presiding Officers at the Polling Stations and books specified in the statement enclosed to the Government Memo first cited, who were responsible for the committal of irregularities in conduct of poll at their respective Polling stations and books have been obtained and submitted for perusal of the Govt. Sri. A.Aswatha Narayana Setty, E.P. Panchayat Board Karpli, who was Assistant Polling Officer, at the Polling Station No.121 booth No.4. is reported to have died and his explanation could not therefore be obtained. The statement prescribed in Govt. memo second cited is also enclosed.

For Collector.

skr/24/11.

Encl:--
1. Explanations of Polling Officers and Asst. Polling Officers.
2. Statement.

Dr.C.V.Ramachandra R o, M.B.,B.S.,
Municipal Health Officer, Adoni.

To: The Collector,
B ellary.

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Sir.

Ref:--No.4415/52 N.G. dated 9...5...52.

With reference to your letter cited above I submit the following report:--

On the early morning of the poll i.e. 2-1-1952 I have handed over to the two Assistant Presiding Officers the respective ballot papers with details and specific instructions about their distribution at their booths. Both the A.P.O's scrutinised the ballot papers, went to their respective booths and started the Polling when I went to the booth No.1. after about 3/4 to 1 hour after the voting has commenced to see if voting is going on smoothly, I found to my surprise that the ballot papers of the two houses have been interchanged. Thereupon I asked the A.P.O. as to how the mistake was committed. He said that he was in a hurry and was not able to scrutinise, the ballot papers. I could not go to this booth earlier as there was a lot off trouble by the female voters at booth No.1; where I had to make arrangements for peace and order. By the time the irregularity at booth No.2. was discovered, about 100 to 150 votes have been polled. Thenceforth I have written a letter to the Tahsildar, Sandur about the irregularity that has occurred but could not send it to him for want of a proper messenger whom even the village Cow could not arrange. Under these circumstances the poll was allowed to continue till it was closed at 5 P.M.

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To:
The Collector,
Bellar.
Through: The Commissioner,
Bell[illegible] Municipality, Bellary.

Copy of letter from K. C. Ranga Swamy Town planning Surveyor Municipal office, Bellary

Bellary, dated 5.8.52. 21

Sir,

Sub:-- Elections - M.L.C. H.O.P. Polling Station No.4. booth No.2. irregularities in co duction of Elections- explanation-submitted -

Ref:-- Your Roc.No.4415/52-1 dated 9.5.52.

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I beg to submit my explanation as follows:-- I was posted as an assistant President Officer during the Elections to "Hampasagar" Village (Harapanahalli Constituency) on 2-1-1952. All Stationery including the ballot papers were verified by the Presiding Officer, and every item of work was being done with the knowledge and supervision of my presiding officer who was posted there. So far as I am concerned I think no irregularities have been committed by me. However I submit that most of voters were illeterate and the polling station provided for us was very narrow. We have issued the ballot papers correctly to the voters but they have by mistake placed one ballot papers in the other constituency. This was happened purely on account of the ignorance of the illeterate voters who have committed such irregularities inspite of my telling them in detail before the issue of the ballot papers. In conclusion I am not able to submit any other explanation at this distance of time and without reference to records. I request therefore to view this sympathetically and if there is any fault of mine condone it in view of the circumstances explained above. for which act of kindness I shall ever pray.

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Address:
K.C.Rangaswamy,
Town Planning Surveyor,
Municipal Office, Bellary.

/true copy/

copy of letter from K.S. Krishna Rao dated 23.5.52

Submitted:

It is humbly submitted that in the polling booth under reference where about 400 women mostly, illiterate, uncivilised, colour blind and ignorant aborginals exercised their franchise, it is impossible to explain at this distance of time, how a few of those woemn voters could manage to carry with them the ballot papers and place the in the wrong box without being noticed by any male member of the polling staff on whom any responsibility can be now fixed for pur ose of disciplinary action regarding or alleged regualrity under reference especially in view of the voting being by secret ballot at the booth, which was not manned by any officer of the ~~fin~~ fair sex.

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Submitted to the collector of Bellary with reference to his C.No.4418/52 N.9 date. 9.5.52.

V.Lakshmaiah,
Additional Agricultural Demonistrator,
Hospet.

To
The Collector,
Bellary.

Sub:— Elections-N.C. M & S & N.O.P. Irregularities in conduct of elections-disciplinary action-ex lanation - submitted - -
Ref:— Collector's Ref.C.No.4415/52 No.9. dated 9.5.52.

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I submit that in the posting orders I was asked to preside over women booth at Kamalapur Station No.10 and booth No.141. But I was asked by the Presiding Officer to preside over men booth as I do not know ka many to ascertain the identity of females. Accordingly I presided over men booth After consulting I came to know that exchange of ballet papers, parliamentary ballot papers to Assembly and vice versa, had taken place in women booth which was presided over by Sri.K.N.Hari Basaiah,. But until I am called for an explanation I do not know that the same discrepancy had been occured in my booth also. To ascertain whether the exchange of ballet papers had taken place in my booth the concerned Staff of R.D.O's Office is not at Hospet as they are attending to jamabandi work at Kudligi. If at all the discrepancy had been occurred in my booth it might have happened by mistake in the hurry to start plling, when the voters were rushing at the gates, but not due to carelessness and wantenly. It might have happened due to inexperience as I am afresh from the College and this was the first time to conduct polling. I regret very much for the discrepancy happened and request that I may kindly be excused.

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/true copy/

U.D. 25

Copy of petition dated 19-5-52 of K.N. Maribasayya, Clerk Spl.Dy. Collector No.I's office T.B.P. Hospet.

Sub;- Election - N.C. - M.L.C. - & H.O.P- Irregularities in conduct of elections - Disciplinary action - Explanation submitted-

Ref;- Your No.4415/52. N.9 dated 9-5-1952

I was appointed as assisting presiding officer for men's booth in Kamalapuram Girl's school for booth No.i. But after going there the presiding officer changed me to booth No.2 Accordingly I acted as presiding officer for booth No.2 in Kamalapuram Girl's school.

2. The presiding officer gave me two sets of ballot papers on the morning of the polling day. They were handed over to the concerned clerks for issue to the voters who assembled there already. The ballot papers were counted and checked before issue to the clerks. The colours of these papers were almost the same. They could not be distinguished. As nobody said that they had a different colours, I only verified the numbers and handed over to the clerks for issue. So I did not take to closely examine the colours. I am therefore not responsible for the irregularity. I request that I may be executed.

/ True copy/

Copy of letter dated 25-5-52 from Janab P.Nabi Saheb, Sty.Sub Magistrate, Hindupur to the Collector, Bellary.

Elections - Irregularities - conduct of elections - explanation submitted.

Bellary District Collector's Rc.No. 4415/52 N9.

I was appointed as a Presiding Officer in the recent general elections at Kampli. There were four polling booths under my supervision. On the polling day morning, I distributed the ballot papers correctly among the Assistant Presiding Officers. ~~Though at~~ throughout that day till the polling came ~~to a close~~, I was attending to my general supervision work, in the polling station according to rules. I strongly believe that there were no complaints of any degree from any quarters of any stamp regarding my duties in the polling station. I am extremely sorry to hear the mistake in question. I submit that I am unable to explain at this distant date for this unfortunate thing took place. If at all, I am also responsible for this mistake, I have not got anything to say except to crave for mercy. I may be permitted to submit that this mistake must not have taken place due to neglect of duty on my part.

/true copy/

Copy of letter dated 24-8-52 from Sri. J.C.Ratnaiya, B.A.(Hons) Taluk Supply Officer, Hospet.

Elections - New Constitution - Irregularities in the issue of ballot papers - Explanation - submitted.

Your Ref.No.4415/52 dated 9-5-52.

I beg to submit that as I was on welfare duty at the Damsite immediately preceding the polling and the Special Deputy Collector had asked for exemption from election duty for his subordinates. I had had no opportunity of attending even a single election instruction class and I had no more knowledge than the printed 'Instructions to Presiding Officers' contained when I attended for polling duty. On the night preceding the polling I had entrusted the Assistant Presiding Officers with the ballot papers for their respective booths. As most of the voters were illiterate and were constantly asking for help in identifying the ballot boxes, I was literally on my feet every second of the polling time, and this unfortunately resulted in my having been unable to verify whether the right ballot papers were being used. I had no reason to doubt that the Assistant Presiding Officers would use the right papers as they had attended all instruction classes from the beginning. I humbly submit therefore that failed to notice the irregularity, and that they were not commit deliberately. The distribution of ballot papers of different constituencies was, as already stated above, done by the Assistant Presiding Officers to whom I had delivered the bundles for both the constituencies the previous night itself. My failure to have noticed the irregularity may kindly be viewed leniently in view of the circumstances stated.

/true copy/

Copy of letter dated 10-6-1952 from Sri K.Eranna, Senior Inspector of Co.operative Societies, Bellary to the Collector, Bellary.

N.C. M.L.S. and H.O.P. Irregularities - conduct of elections explanation - submitted.

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1. Govt. Memo No. 723/52-1 Public (Elections) Dept. 15-2-1952
2. Collector's Ref.No.4415/52-1 N9 dated 9-5-1952.

I beg to submit that I was posted as Assistant Presiding Officers to Taranggar (Sandur State). Prior to the day of elections, I was suffering from fever. In spite of that I attended to all the preliminary arrangements and woke up late in the night with the result I had practically no sleep. I was feeling very much weak and tired. In the early morning on the day on which elections took place, I was asked by the ~~Municipal~~ Presiding Officer, Mr.C.N.Ramachandra Rao, Municipal Health Officer Adoni to rush through the work immediately as it was getting late. Though I had vomittings twice in the early morning, I had to rush to my seat allotted and commenced work with the ballot ~~si~~ papers given to me the previous day by the Presiding Officer. As I was in a state of giddiness, I was not in a position so as to distinguish ~~whether~~ papers of Parliament with that of the Assembly. It was only at 10 A.M. the Presiding Officer brought to my notice that I had used Assembly ballot papers for Parliament. It was too late to rectify this defect. But all these irregularities could have been avoided if only the Presiding Officer had looked into the arrangements before the commencement of the work. As a Presiding Officer it was his duty to see whether all the arrangements were properly made and the staff under him was given proper ballot papers with the necessary materials required. The discrepancy pointed out would have been set right if a proper check, supervision and examination had taken place at the very commencement of the work by the Presiding Officer.

In spite of giddiness and weakness, I had to carry with the Election work as the Assistant Presiding Officer in the interest of public service. The irregularities occurred was not the result of negligence on my part, but I was only a victim of circumstances. Hence I request that I may be excused for the same.

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Enclosures to CNo. 4415/52 AP
dt 22-11-52
from the collector Bellary.

Explanations of presiding officers and APSI presiding officers (Eight)

To, The Secretary to Govt. Pub (Elec) Dept. — Madras

ADDITIONAL ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
4964
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

Elections 33

Submitted.

It is humbly submitted that in the polling booth under reference where about 400 women mostly, illiterate, uncivilised, colour blind and ignorant aborginals excercised their franchise, it is impossible to explain at this distance of time, how a few of those women voters could manage to carry with them the ballot papers and place them in the wrong box without being noticed by any male member of the polling staff on whom any responsibility can be now fixed for purpose of disceplinary action regarding or alleged regularity under reference especially in view of the voting being by secret ballot at the booth, which was not manned by any officer of the fair sex.

U.S. Krishna Rao
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Submitted to the Collector of Bellary with reference to his C.No. 4418/52 N.9 dated 9-5-1952.

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Adoni,
21st May '52.

From

Dr.C.V.Ramachandra Rao, M.B.B.S.,
Municipal Health Officer,
Adoni.

To

The Collector,
Bellary.

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Sir,

Ref:- No.4415/52 N.G. dated 9-5-52.

With reference to your letter ~~d~~ cited above I submit the following report:

On the early morning of the poll i.e., 3-1-52 (2-1-52) I have handed over to the two Assistant Presiding Officers the respective ballot papers with detailed and specific instructions about their distribution at their booths. Both the A.P.O's scrutinised the ballot papers, went to their respective booths and started the polling when I went to the booth No.1 after about ¾ to 1 hour after the voting has commenced to see if voting is going on smoothly, I found to my surprise that the ballot papers of the two houses have been interchanged. Thereupon I asked the A.P.O. as to how the mistake was committed. He said that he was in a hurry and was not able to scrutinise, the ballot papers. I could not go to this booth earlier as there was a lot off trouble by the female voters at booth No.1; where I had to make arrangements for peace and order. By the time the irregularity at booth No.2 was discovered, about 100 to 150 votes have been polled. ~~Thxxxxxxxxxx~~ Thenceforth I have written a letter to the Tahsildar, Sandur about the irregularity that has occured but could not send it to him for want of a proper messenger whom even the village Gowd could not arrange. Under these circumstances the poll was

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allowed to continue till it was closed at 5 P.M.

The Tahsildar, Sandur visited the polling station at about 7 P.M. and was told about the incident. The Tahsildar then asked me what I have done in the matter and wanted a report about the irregularity to be communicated to the Returning Officer. He has been explained the situation and a report has been sent to the Returning Officer in the Diary of Presiding officer.

In conclusion I wish to bring to your notice that the irregularity was mainly due to the carelessness of A.P.O's in not scrutinising the ballot papers of both the houses even though he has been given detailed ~~instrum~~ instructions.

Yours faithfully,

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Municipal Health Officer,
Adoni.

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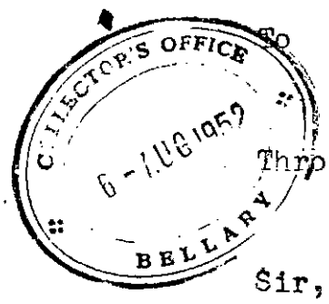
D/ 5.8.52



To The Collector,
Bellary.

Through: The Commissioner,
Bellary Municipality:Bellary.

Sir,

Sub: Elections-M.L.S. H.O.P. Polling Station No. 4- Booth No.2. irregularities in conduction of Elections-Expalantion -submitted.

Ref: Your ROC.No.4415/52-1 dated 9-5-52.

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I beg to submit my explanation as follows: I was posted as an assistant presiding Officer during the Elections to "Hampasagar" village (Harapanahalli constituency) on 2-1-52. All the stationery including the ballot papers were verified by the presiding officer, and every item of work was being done with the knowledge and supervision of ~~of~~ my presiding officer who was posted there. So far as I am concerned I think no irregularities have been committed by me. However I submit that most of voters were illeterate and the polling station provided for us was very narrow.we have issued the ballot papers correctly to the voters but they have by mistake placed ane ballot papers in the other constituency. This was happend ~~of~~ purely on account of the ignorance of the illeterate voters who have committed such irregularities inspite of my telling them in detail before the issue of the ballot papers. In conclusion ~~e~~ I am not able to submit any other explanation at this distance of time and without reference to records. I request therefore to view this sympathetically and if there is any fault of mine condone it in view of the circumstances explained above. For which act of kindness I shall ever pray.

Yours faithfully,
K.C.Rangaswamy 7/8

Resubmitted to
Collector Bellary in
Continuation of this Mr's n. dt 10584/52
Returned
Comm. 6.8.

Address:
K.C.Rangaswamy,
Town Planning Surveyor,
Municipal Officer Bellary.

Hospet

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From,

V. Lakshmaiah,

Additional Agricultural Demonstrator,

Hospet.

To,

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The Collector,

Bellary.

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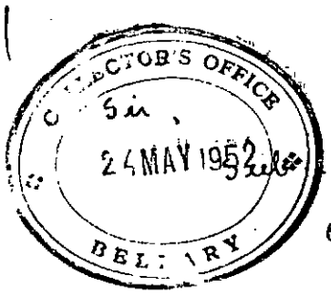

Sir,

Elections - N.C - M & S & H.O.P irregularities in conduct of Elections - Disciplenary action - Explanation - Submitted.

Ref: Collector's Ref.e.no. KK15/52 no 9 dated 9.5.52.

I Submit that in the posting orders I was asked to Preside over Women booth at Kamalapur station no 10 and booth no 161. But I was asked by the presiding Officer to preside over Men booth as I do not know Kannary to ascertain the identety of females. Accordingly I presided over Men booth. After counting I came to know that exchange of Ballot papers, parliamentary Ballot papers to Assembly and Vice versa, had taken place in women booth which was presided over by Sri K.N. Mari Basaiah. But until I am called for an explanation I do not know that the Same descripency had been occured in my booth also. To ascertain whether the exchange of Ballot papers had taken place in my booth the concerned staff of R.D.O's Office is not at Hospet as they are attending to Jamabandi work at Kudligi. If at all the descripency had been occured in my booth it might have happened by mistake in the hurry to start polling, when the Voters were Rushing at the gates, but not due to carelessness and wantonly. It might have happened due to inexperience as I am afresh from the college and this was the first time to conduct polling. I Regret very much for the descripency happened and Request that I may kindly be excused.

Yours faithfully,

V. Lakshmaiah 22/5/52

A.A.D.

Hospet

From:
Sri J.C.Ratnaiya, B.A.(Hons.),
Taluk Supply Officer, Hospet.

To:
The Collector,
Bellary.

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
28 MAY 1952
BELLARY

Sir,

Subject:- Elections - New Constitution - Irregularities in the issue of ballot papers - Explanation submitted.
Reference:- Your Ref.No.4415/52-N-9 dated 9/5/52

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I beg to submit that as I was on Welfare Duty at the Dam Site immediately preceding the polling and the Special Deputy Collector had asked for exemption from election duty for his subordinates, I had had no opportunity of attending even a single election instruction class and I had no more knowledge than the printed 'Instructions to Presiding Officers' contained when I attended for polling duty. On the night preceding the polling I had entrusted the Assistant Presiding Officers with the ballot papers for their respective booths. As most of the voters were illiterate and were constantly asking for help in identifying the ballot boxes, I was literally on my feet every second of the polling time, and this unfortunately resulted in my having been unable to verify whether the right ballot papers were being used. I had no

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reason to doubt that the Assistant Presiding Officers would use the right papers as they had attended all instruction classes from the beginning. I humbly submit therefore that I failed to notice the irregularity, and that they were not committed deliberately. The distribution of ballot papers of different constituencies was, as already stated above, done by the Assistant Presiding Officers to whom I had delivered the bundles for both the constituencies the previous night itself. My failure to have noticed the irregularity may kindly be viewed leniently in view of the circumstances stated.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

24/8/52

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
28 MAY 1952
BELLARY

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His Worship

Date 25-5-1952

To.

The District Collector.

Bellary.

Sir

Subj: Elections – Irregularities in conducting Elections – Explanation – Submitted.

Ref:- Bellary District Collector's Rc no 4415/52-A9

I was appointed as a Presiding officer in the recent General Elections, at Kampli. There were four Polling booths under my supervision. On the polling day morning I distributed the ballot papers correctly among the Assistant Presiding officers. Through out that day till the polling came to a close I was attending to my General

supervision work in the polling station according to rules.

I strongly believe that there were no complaints of any degree from any quarters of any stamp regarding my duties in the polling station. I am extremely sorry to learn this mistake in question. I submit that I am at this distant date unable to explain how this unfortunate thing took place. If at all I am also responsible for this mistake I have not set any thing to say except to crave for mercy. I may be permitted to submit that this mistake might not have taken place due to neglect of duty on my part.

Yours faithfully.

P. Nadhakrishnan
25-5-1952
Stg Sub Magistrate.
Hindupur

Bellary
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To

The Revenue Collector,
Bellary.

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
11 JUN 1952
BELLARY

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Sub:- N.C- H.A.S & H.O.P- Irregularities in conduct of elections - Explanation - Submitted.

Ref:- 1. Govt Memo No 733/52-1 Public (Ele) dated 15.2.1952.
2. Collectors Ref No. 4415/52-1.9 dated 9.5.1952.

I beg to submit that I was posted as Assistant Presiding officer to Taraniapar (Sandur State). Prior to the day of elections I was suffering from fever. In spite of that I attended to all the preliminary arrangements and woke up late in the night with the result I had practically no sleep. I was feeling very much weak and tired. In the early morning on the day on which election took place I was asked by the Presiding officer Mr. C.N. Rama-Chandra Rao, Municipal Health officer, Adoni to reach through two words immediately as it was getting late. Though I had to work things twice in the early morning I had to reach to my seat allotted and commenced the work with the ballot-papers given to me the previous day by the Presiding officer. As I was in a state of giddiness, I was not in a position so as to distinguish the ballot papers of Parliament with that of Assembly. It was only at 10 Am, the Presiding officer brought to my notice that I had used Assembly ballot-papers for Parliament

P.T.O.

It was too late to rectify the defect. But all these irregularities could have been avoided if only the Presiding Officer had looked into the arrangements before the commencement of the work. As a presiding Officer, it was his duty to see whether all the arrangements were properly made and the staff under him was given proper ballot-papers with the necessary materials required. The discrepancy pointed out would have been rectified if a proper check, supervision and examination had taken place at the very commencement of the work by the Presiding Officer.

In spite of giddiness and weakness, I have to carry with the Election work as the Assistant Presiding Officer in the interest of Public Service. The irregularities occurred not as the result of negligence on my part, but I was only a victim of circumstances. Hence I request that I may be excused for the same.

Yours faithfully
K. Krishna.
10/4/12

To
K. Krishna,
Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies,
Bellary.

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To

The Collector,

B E L L A R Y.

Sir,

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Sub:- ELECTION -- N.C. -- M.L.S. & H.O.P -- Irregularities in conduct of elections -- Disciplainary action -- Explanation -- Submitted.

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Ref:- Your No.4415/52.N.9,dated 9-5-1952.

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I was appointed as assisting presiding Officer for mens booth in Kamalapuram Girl's School for booth No.1. But after going there the presiding officer changed me to booth No.2. Accordingly I acted as presiding Officer for booth No.2 in Kamalapuram Girl's School.

2) The presiding Officer gave me two sets of ballot papers on the morning of the polling day. They were handed over to the concerned clerks for issue to the voters who assembled there already. The ballot papers were counted and checked before issued to the clerks. The colours of these papers were almost the same. They could not be distinguished. As nobody said that they had a different colours, I only verified the numbers and handed over to the clerks for issue. So I did not take to closely examine the colours. I am therefore not responsible for the irregularity. I request that I may be excused.

Yours faithfully,

Date.
19-5-52.

K. M. Narasimhayya
Upper division
clerk,
Appl. by collectors Office T.B.P. Hospet

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Election/Immediate.
C.No. 4415/52 A8

Dated 30-11-52.

From
Sri.D.R.Sundaram, I.A.S.
Collector,
Bellary.

To
The Deputy Secretary to Government
Public (Elections) Department, Fort
St.George, Madras.

Sir,

Elections - New Constitution - First General Elections 1951-52 - House of the People and State Assembly - Bellary Parliamentary Constituency and component Assembly Constituencies - Irregularities in the conduct of poll Explanation of persons - submitted.

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1. Govt. Memo No. 3031/52-4 Ele. dated 25-11-52.
2. My Ref.C.No. 4415/52-A8 dated 22-11-52.

The report called for was despatched on 29-11-52 with my reference cited together with the explanations of the concerned presiding officers and Asst.Presiding Officers.

For Collector. 1/12/52

snr. 1.12.

Public (Elections) Deptt.

Memo no. 3031/52 5 dated 19.12.52

Sub: Elections. New Constitution. First General Election 1951-52. House of the People and State Assembly. Bellary Parliamentary Constituency and Component Assembly Constituencies. Irregularities committed in the conduct of poll. Explanation of persons concerned.

Ref: From the Collector of Bellary letter no. 4415/52 A 9 d. 22/11/52.

In column 9 of the statement enclosed with the letter cited the Collector of Bellary has not offered any remarks. He is requested to offer the ~~same~~ urgently. The statement is returned herewith for being resubmitted with col 9 duly filled up.

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pp 15-16 ✓

Updated Dated 22/12

To

The Collector of Bellary.

(With Statement returned)

- pp 15-16 cf

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19/12/52

Election - Immediate.

C.No.4415/52 A8

Collector's Office, Bellary
Dated: 8.1.53.

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From

Sri D.R.Sundaram, I.A.S.,
Collector, Bellary.

To

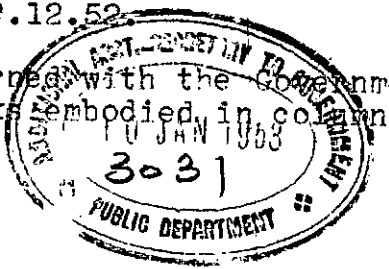
The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Public (Ele) Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub:- Elections - New constitution - First General Elections 1951-52 - House of the people and state Assembly Bellary Parliamentary constituency and component Assembly constituencies - Irregularities committed in the conduct of Poll - Explanations of the persons concerned - Collector's remarks -- Submitted.

Ref: Govt. Memo.No.3031/52-5 Public (Ele) Dept. dated 19.12.52.

The statement returned with the Government Memo. cited is resubmitted with my remarks embodied in column 9.



Pbr.8.1.
Encl: 1 Statement.

For Collector.

Statement showing the explanation of the polling personnel responsible for the irregularities

S.No	Polling station.	Booth No.	Name of the Polling personnal involved	Official designation	Status at the Polling Station or booth.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	4	2	Sri.H.S.Krista Rao.	Head-clerk Spl.Dy.Collector's Office TBP Adoni.	Presiding Officer.
2.	4	2	Sri.K.C.Rangaswamy.	Town Surveyor, Bellary Municipality.	Assistant Presiding Officer.
3.	121	4	Janab P.Nabi Saheb.	S.S.M. Hospet	Presiding Officer.
4.	121	4	Sri.A.A.Swatha Narayanasetty.	Executive Officer, Panchayat Board, Kampli.	Asst. Presiding Officer.

committed in the Bellary Parliamentary constituency in Bellary District.

Nature of irregularity committed.	Explanation of the person concered.	Remarks Govt' order
7.	8.	9.
124 Assembly ballot papers were noticed during counting in the parliamentary constituency boxes and all such papers were rejected. P1 FA	Explains that some illeterate women voters managed to carry assembly ballot papers and put them in the parliamentary boxes. This was not noticed by the Polling staff Responsibility cannot be fixed on any body for this irregularity at this distance of time and in view of the fact that the polling was by secret ballot.	
-do- P3 FA	Correct ballot papers were issued to the voters who committed mistake in voting. No irregularity on his part.	
Parliamentary ballot papers used in Assembly elections and vice-versa. P5 FA	Distributed the ballot papers correctly to the A.P.O's at the Polling Station and attended to the Supervision work. Unable to explain at this distance of time how this mistake occurred. Beg to be excused.	
-do-	Since dead.	

1	2	3	4	5	6
5	141	1 and 2	Sri.J.C.Ratnaiya	Taluq Supply Officer Hpt	Presiding Officer
6	141		Sri.V.Laxmayya.	Addl.Agl.Demonstrator, Hospet.	Asst.Presiding Officer.
7	141	2	Sri.K.N.Maribasayya	U.D.Clerk Spl. Dy,Collector's Office No.I. T.B.P. Hpt.	---do---
8.	159		Sri.C.Rama Chandra Rao.	Municipal Health Officer, Adoni.	Presiding Officer.
9	159		Sri.K. Channa,	Senior Inspector of Co-op. Societies,Bellary.	Asst. Presiding Officer.

7	8	9	10

Parliamentary Ballot papers used in Assembly elections and Vice-versa.

~~Distributed the ballot papers correctly to the A.P.Os at the polling stations and supervised the~~ Was on welfare duty in T.B.P. as special Dy.Tahsildar and the S.D.C had applied for exemption to all his staff from polling duty. Hence had no occassion to attend Training classes. Not also aware of the instructions to presiding officers. Ballot papers were distributed to A.P.Os for issue and was supervising polling instructing voters. Failed to notice the irregularity not committed deliberately request to be viewed leniently.

Parliamentary ballot papers used for Assembly elections and vice versa. --/

Come to know of the irregularity in his booth along after the receipt of memo from the Collector's office. It might have occurred by mistake in the hurry to start polling but not due to carelessness on his part. He was inexperienced fresh from college and quite new to the Polling work. Beg to be excused.

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Presiding Officer gave two sets of ballot papers which were given to the polling clerks. Colours of bands on the ballot papers being not quite distinct, S.Nos. verified and ballot papers were given to polling clerks. Beg to be excused.

Interchange of Assembly and Parliamentary ballot papers.

Handed over right type of ballot papers to the Assistant Polling Officers on the day of poll. After one hour during supervison found that the ballot papers of Assembly and parliamentary were interchanged. Enquired the A.P.O concerned about the mistake, who replied that mis was done in hurry. He could not send his report to the Tahsildar S.D.R for want of a ~~necessary~~ messenger. Irregularity was due to the carelessness on the part of A.P.I.

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Was suffering from fever having giddiness and weakness. Irregualrity occurred not as a result of negligence but due to his sickness. Beg to be excused.

For Collector.

skr/24/11

CONFIDENTIAL.

Public (Elections-IV) Department.

MEMORANDUM No. 3031/51-8 Dated 27.2.53

Sub: ELECTIONS--New Constitution--First General Elections, 1951-52--House of the People and State Assembly--Bellary parliamentary and component Assembly constituencies--Irregularities committed in the conduct of poll--Explanations of polling personnel--Disciplinary action.

Ref: From the Collector of Bellary, letters Nos. 4415/52-A8, dated 22-11-1952 and 8-1-1953.

The Collectorof Bellary is informed that the Government have decided to drop the matter. He is however requested to inform all the polling personnel ~~responsible for the irregularities~~ concerned that their explanations are not satisfactory but that they are now let off with a warning (not amounting to a formal censure) to be more careful in future.

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2. The Collector is requested to communicate the orders intended for Sri P. Nabi Sahib, S.S.M., Hospet who acted as the presiding Officer through the Registrar, High Court, Madras.

To

The Collr. of Bellary.

Copy to the Registrar,
High Court, Madras.

N.F

Public (Elections) Dept.

Sub: Elections. New constitution. First General Elections. House of the People and State Legislature Assembly. Bellary Parliamentary constituency and component Assembly constituencies. Irregularities committed by polling persons. Explanation.

pp 13-53 & 57-60 of Q

Ref: From the Collector of Bellary letters no: 4415/52 A8. d 22/11/52 and 8/1/53.

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Q.1.56.

pp 1-54 of Q

In booth no. 2 of polling station no. 4 of Bellary Parliamentary Constituency, 124 Assembly ballot papers were noticed during counting in the Parliamentary constituency boxes and all such papers were rejected. In polling station no. 159, 141 and 121 of Hospet Assembly Constituency and Bellary Parliamentary constituency Parliamentary ballot papers were wrongly used in Assembly Election and vice versa. These irregularities were regularised by the Election Commission.

C. O. Rt. 455 9-7-52

pp 11-13; 29-31 of Q

The Collector of Bellary was asked to obtain the explanation of the polling personnel responsible for the above irregularities. The explanations of the polling persons concerned and the Collectors remarks are at pp 13-53 and 57-60 of A statement showing the names of the polling persons, their official designation, their status at the poll, gist of their explanation and the Collectors remarks thereon is at pp 59-60 of A. It is seen from the explanation of the Presiding Officers and Asst. Presiding Officers that the irregularities were committed due to ignorance and inexperience. The Collector of Bellary has not offered any specific remarks as regards to the punishment to be given to them. For orders whether all the polling officers may be let off with a warning not amounting to formal censure to be more careful in future as is done in similar other cases.

pp 1-2 of A

pp 35-51 of A

Rememb 9 at pp 57-60 of A

Revenue, L. A., Home, R & A and Dev

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may see

For similar faults, this dept. has hitherto and consistently, only warned the personnel to be more careful in his future. This will meet the requirements of these cases also. X

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17 Jan 53

S S (2) / Rev / LA / Home / Sec A / Dep. Pub (file IV) no. No 303/1

17.1.53.

R-D 19212

30 JAN 1953

TO A.S

The file has been sent to this dept with reference to item 2 on p 59 CF. Notes from plants may be perused and the views of D.S. public at X above may be agreed to in this dept. As P.W.D. are concerned with item 1 on p 59 CF public may be requested to let P.W.D. also see the case with these remarks the file may be passed on to L.A. Z

19 JAN 1953

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L.A. Dept (H)

Rem U.O. 563

The file has been sent to this Dept with reference to items 4 on page 59 CF. No remarks are called for in this dept. The file may be passed on to Home Dy.

27 JAN 1953

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Home

29 JAN 1953

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Hme Dept

The case has been sent to this Dept. with reference to the action proposed to be taken as at X on p2 ante against Sri P. Nabi Saheb, S.S.M. Hospet for irregularities committed by him as Presiding officer during the recent general Elections (~~to be stde dept~~ ~~and Parliament~~ - Vide item 3/ on p59 cf. This Dept. may agree with the view of the Pub (Elec) Dept. at X on p2 ante.

Item 3 on p59 cf

2. Though the irregularities committed by the officer are not in his capacity as a magistrate, since he is a submagistrate in a separate Dept. and a member of the Madras sub magisterial the orders may be communicated to him thro' the high court

5.2.53 3. Vide the passes are to F&A Dept.

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F&A.

This Dept. as concerned with items 5 and 6 on p.60 cf. & p2 ante. above may be agreed to and the case passed on to Dev.

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Food & Agri.
U.O. 8191 E/53-1
11-2-53

SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT
7 FEB 1953
8191
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPT.

FIFTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 FEB 1953
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

ASST/DS/Secy/DS
5/2/53

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Revt. Deptt

The file has been sent to this Deptt. with reference to item 9 on p. 60 c.f. No remarks seem called for in this Deptt. The file may be returned to Public (Elections) Deptt.

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16.2.53 Pub (Sle)

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19 FEB 1953
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
20 FEB 1953
PUBLIC

Public (Elections IV) Deptt

The notes from pp 1-4 above may be perused. Rev. & A., Home, Fin. A. and Dev. have agreed to the proposal of D-S (E) at 'X' on p 2 ante i.e. all the polling personnel responsible for the irregularity may be let off with a warning to be more careful in future. (W.V.E the note of) Rev Deptt invites attn at 'Z' on p 2 ante pointed out the file may be sent to P.W.D. for remarks. which is concerned with three Tanneries.

[The suggestion made by them in para 2 of their note on p. 3 ante may be agreed to]

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Q 18/2/53

Fin 19.2.53

H VI / P.W.D.

P. W. D. (Lh.)

Public (Elec IV) MO No. 3031/52-7
19.2.53.

Please see notes on pp. 1-4 above. Pub. Dept. propose to warn certain officers for irregularities committed by them as Polling Officers in the first General Elections under the New Constitution. The file seems to have been sent this Dept. for remarks in regard to Smt. S. Krishna Rao, Head Clerk, Office of the Spl. Dy. Collector, T.P., Adoni. This Dept. may perhaps agree with the proposal of Pub. Dept. With these remarks, the file may be returned to that Dept.

M 59-60 c.f.
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X p. 2 ante
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PJ 24

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24 FEB 1953
CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Public (Elections-IV) Department.

Please see the note of Rev, LA, Home, F+A Dev, and P.W.D on p. 1 ante. (on pp 2-4 ante)

They have agreed to this Deptt.'s proposal that all the polling personnel responsible for the irregularity may be let off with a warning to be more careful in future. A draft Memo. is submitted for approval.

25/2/53

25-2-53

Approved
26 Feb 53
DS (E)

PEN Cons 630/52 P.E.IV 3031 1.8.52

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED IN THE CONDUCT OF POLL IN Bellary PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY AND COMPONENT ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES.

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Name of Constituency.		Place where irregularity was committed		Nature of irregularity and action taken to regularise it.	Remarks.
Assembly.	Parliamentary	Polling Station Number.	Booth No.		
Bellary	Bellary	4	2	124 assembly ballot papers were noticed during counting in Parliamentary Constituency and all such papers were rejected.	
Hospet	Bellary	159		Interchange of Assembly and Parliamentary ballot papers. Regularised by the Election Commission.	
-do-	-do-	141 & 121		Parliamentary ballot papers used in Assembly ~~compartments~~ and vice versa. ~~Regularised by the Election Commission.~~ Use of Assembly Ballot papers for Parliamentary election approved	

4.7.52

by Eleccom. ABcounting started already for ABsentee election. Use of Party Ballot PPD for ABsentee election was not approved. However both kinds of ballot PPDs were treated as invalid since instructions was not received in time.